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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-26, 28, 30-41, 43, and 45-55 remain in this application. Claims 7, 9, 27, 29, 42 and 44 have been canceled. Independent Claims 1, 26, and 41 have been amended and dependent Claims 8, 10, 28, 30-31, 43, and 45-46 have been amended to correct for dependency. Claims 16-25 have been noted as allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowed and allowable claims.

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 13, 15, 26-28, 32-33, 38, 40-43, 47-48, 53, and 55 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over H-Peter Dommel et al and Claims 11, 36, and 51 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over H-Peter Dommel et al in view of Ian F. Akyidia. Further, the Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 16-25 are allowed and that Claims 4-6, 9-10, 12, 14, 29-31, 34-35, 37, 39, and 44-46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To facilitate immediate allowance of claims in the present application, though Applicant has viable arguments against the above-noted standing rejections, Applicant has amended all rejected independent claims (Claims 1, 26, and 41) to include subject matter which the Examiner acknowledged as allowable. More specifically, subject matter of Claims 7 and 9 has been included in Claim 1; subject matter of Claims 27 and 29 has been included in Claim 26; and subject matter of Claims 42 and 44 has been included in Claim 41. For at least this reason, Applicant believes all pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-6, 8, and 10-15; and Claims 28, and 30-40; and Claims 43, and 45-55 depends from and further limits, in a patentable sense, independent Claims 1, 26 and 41 respectively and, hence, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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**CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

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